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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION
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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International application No. PCT/EP00/06205	International filing date (day/month/year) 03/07/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 01/07/1999
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):
Description, pages:

1-14 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-5 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- contained in the international application in written form.
- filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages:
- the claims, Nos.:
- the drawings, sheets:

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

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(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims 1-5
	No:	Claims
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims 1-5
	No:	Claims
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims 1-5
	No:	Claims

2. Citations and explanations **see separate sheet**

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**Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

- 1). Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: EP-A-0 490 335
D2: WO-A-96 11415
D3: EP-A-0 581 268
D4: US-A-5 246 782

- 2). D1 and D4 relate to laminates having at least two layers, one of which comprises a polymer containing more than one perfluorocyclobutane group; the other layer is suitably such material as wood, metal, ceramics, glass, other polymers, i.e., any material, see D1, page 2, lines 34 to 54; D4, col.2, lines 6 to 56.

D3 relates to flame-retarded thermosetting resin composition, prepgs and electrical laminates made therefrom. The thermosetting resin composition comprises an aromatic monocyanate and a diphenyl dicyanate, see D3, claims 1 to 14.

D2 relates to polycyanate resin optical components, see D2, claims.

- 3). The subject-matter of claim 1 therefore differs from the disclosure of D1 to D4 in that the optical waveguide system comprises at least a **first material** which is poly(perfluorocyclobutane), and in direct contact to this material a **second material** which is a polycyanate resin

The subject-matter of claim 1 is therefore novel and involves an inventive step insofar as it is neither disclosed in D1-D4, nor obvious in view of one or a combination of two of D1-D4, article 33(2) and (3) PCT.

Claims 2 to 5 are dependent on claim 1 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.